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#### **(U) NATIONAL**

##### **(U) Florida – Pregnant Women Should Avoid Zika Area as Infections Rise**

(U) Miami – The Florida Department of Health (DOH) has identified 10 more people who likely contracted Zika virus through a mosquito bite, Governor Rick Scott said yesterday — bringing the total number of people with locally transmitted Zika to 14. Pregnant women are advised to avoid travel to the area just north of downtown Miami, health officials said. Women who are considering getting pregnant and have traveled to the area should delay for eight weeks, Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. According to the DOH, active Zika transmissions are still limited to a small one square-mile area north of downtown Miami, the same area where the first four cases last Friday were identified.

SOURCE: 1 August 2016, [NBC News](#)

##### **(U) Michigan – Man Arrested for Planning Attacks**

(U) Detroit – A Detroit man has been arrested after buying explosives from an undercover agent, amassing weapons and talking about carrying out an attack, federal authorities said. A criminal complaint charges Sebastian Gregerson with unregistered possession of a destructive device and unlicensed receipt of explosive materials. He made an initial appearance yesterday in US District Court and is being held pending a Thursday detention hearing. The complaint chronicles a counterterrorism investigation that began in April 2015 following a tip that Gregerson, who the FBI said also is known as Abdurrahman bin Mikaayl, had weapons. The FBI said he bought grenades on Sunday from the undercover agent and was arrested.

SOURCE: 2 August 2016, [Associated Press](#)

##### **(U) New York – FBI Employee Pleads Guilty to Acting as Agent of China**

(U) Manhattan – A FBI electronics technician pleaded guilty yesterday to having illegally acted as an agent of China, admitting that he on several occasions passed sensitive information to a Chinese official. Kun Shan Chun was employed by the FBI since 1997. He pleaded guilty in federal court in Manhattan to one count of having illegally acted as an agent of a foreign government. Chun, who was arrested in March on a set of charges made public yesterday, admitted in court that from 2011 to 2016 he acted at the direction of a Chinese official, to whom he passed the sensitive information.

SOURCE: 1 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

##### **(U) New York – Former Venezuelan Officials Indicted on US Drug Charges**

(U) Brooklyn – US prosecutors yesterday formally charged the former head of Venezuela's National Guard and a former anti-drug official there with colluding with cocaine traffickers. An indictment unsealed in federal court in Brooklyn accuses Nestor Reverol and Edilberto Molina of taking bribes in exchange for helping the traffickers by tipping them off about future raids. It also alleges that from January 2008 to December 2010, they deliberately allowed cocaine shipments to leave Venezuela and returned seized drug money to them. Reverol once ran the National Guard, which is charged with

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securing the country's borders, and had been a spokesman for Venezuela's anti-drug efforts. He also is the former head of Venezuela's anti-drug agency and ally of late socialist leader Hugo Chavez.

SOURCE: 1 August 2016, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Ohio – Man Pleads Guilty to Plotting to Attack US Capitol**

(U) Cincinnati – An Ohio man pleaded guilty yesterday to plotting to attack the US Capitol with guns and bombs and faces up to 30 years in prison. Christopher Cornell, 22, pleaded guilty in US District Court in Cincinnati to attempted murder of government officials, possession of a firearm to commit a crime and attempting to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

SOURCE: 1 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Bolivia – Police Seize 7.5 Tons of Cocaine**

(U) Sucre – Bolivian police have seized 7.5 tons of cocaine and arrested three Bolivians in a massive bust of drugs headed for Honduras and likely eventual sale in the United States, a government official said yesterday. The haul, which was hidden in a cargo of minerals, would be worth over \$160 million in Honduras and \$350 million in the United States. In May, Colombian police confiscated 8 tons of cocaine, which officials described as one of the largest in the history of the country.

SOURCE: 1 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Vietnam – Hackers Compromise Vietnam's Airports, Airline Websites**

(U) Hanoi – A team of self-proclaimed Chinese hacker has compromised the announcement screen systems at many major airports in Vietnam, and hacked the website of the country's national flag carrier, the Ministry of Transport confirmed last week. Last week, some flight information screens at both Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi and Tan Son Nhat International Airport in Ho Chi Minh City have been compromised to display offensive messages toward Vietnam and the Philippines, along with distorted information about the East Vietnam Sea. The Da Nang International Airport, the largest of its kind in central Vietnam, did not have the announcement system compromised, but the computer system experienced repeated glitches.

SOURCE: 29 July 2016, [Tuoi Tre News](#)

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